GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:350
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2016
Connectivity to Ports through DFCs
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of rail connectivity with sea ports and major cities on the coastal areas;
(b) whether the Railways has any proposal to connect all the sea ports with the national highways through the Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) to ensure speedy transport of goods; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)
(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 350 BY DR. P. VENUGOPAL AND SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.08.2016 REGARDING CONNECTIVITY TO PORTS THROUGH DFCS

(a): All the 12 major Ports - 6 each on the Eastern and Western Coast and major coastal cities, have rail connectivity.
(b) & (c): There is no proposal of Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Project for connecting Ports with national Highways.

However, there is a plan to connect existing ports on the DFC Project i.e. Western DFC and Eastern DFC either directly or through feeder routes. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) is to be directly connected with Western DFC. Mumbai Port, Kandla Port, Mundra Port and Pipavav Port are to be connected with Western DFC through feeder routes. Other new ports like Hazira and Dighi will also be connected through feeder routes to the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor. Kolkata Port and Haldia ports will be connected with Eastern DFC through feeder routes.
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